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1. At a session of the Trade-Union Unity Department (Abteilung Gewerkschaftseinheit) of the FDGB Bundesvorstand held on 10 August 1955, it was revealed that connections with the Federal Republic are to be strengthened in all fields. In order to carry out its share of this program, the FDGB Bundesvorstand has received an additional allocation of 25 million DEM. This sum is to be expended primarily for setting up and equipping cultural groups which will tour the Federal Republic as East German representatives.
2. At the 17 August 1955 meeting of the Trade-Union Unity Department, Kurt Ziegenhagen, employee (Mitarbeiter) of the SED Central Committee, was to be on hand to discuss the expenditure of these funds, as well as other problems concerning the West German work of the Department.

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